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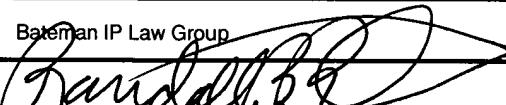
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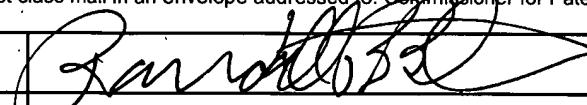
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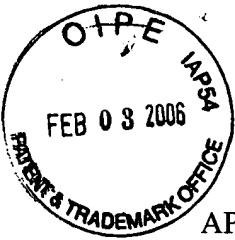
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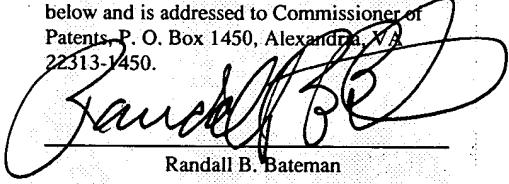


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Sir:

The above-referenced case received an Office Action on December 3, 2004. While the front page of the Office Action indicated that it was final, the last page of the Office Action expressly indicated that the action was non-final because of the new rejections that were being set forth against claims which were substantially unamended.

On May 26, 2005, an Advisory Action was sent indicating that amendment and response to Office Action would not be entered because they raise new matter.

On June 1, 2005, Applicant's counsel spoke with Examiner Dan Stodola regarding the case. Mr. Stodola confirmed that the case should have been non-final and the advisory action had been withdrawn.

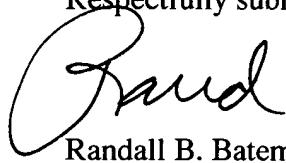
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Applicant, therefore, request confirmation that the Advisory Action has been withdrawn and an estimation when a new Office Action in response to the amendment filed on February 3, 2005 will be received.

If there is any questions, please feel free to contact Applicant's counsel at (801) 533-0320.

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